(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAMDULARI SINHA): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The High Power Action Group has been constituted under the chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Mines, and consists of representatives from State Transport Corporations, aluminium industry, Planning Commission, Department of Revenue and Research institutions. The objectives of this Group are to suggest measures for providing a thrust in the promotion of aluminum in the transport sector; to identify R&D efforts required, and to specify fiscal incentives etc. At its meeting held on 5.9.1985, it was decided to constitute three Committees to quantify fuel savings when aluminium is used in transport vehicles; development of suitable alloys; standardisation of parts and components of aluminium, and to study fiscal incentives required for promoting the use of aluminium in the transport sector.

Smuggling out of gems from Orissa

1620. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the clandestine mining of gems deposits in Bolangir, Kalahandi and Sambalpur Districts in Orissa and of smuggling of gems worth crores of rupees out of the State during the last few years by smugglers and traders; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action the Central Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRI MATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b). Yes. Sir. The quantities and value of smuggled gem stones are not known. The State Government has, however, taken the following steps to prevent such clandestine activities:

(1) A number of cases have been filed in the Courts.

(2) The District Administration including Revenue, Forest and Police Departments have been instructed to enforce strictly the measures to prevent unauthorised extraction and removal of gems in these Districts.

(3) With a view to curb un-authorised mining and removal of gem stones, M/s. Orissa Mining Corporation Limited, a State Government Undertaking, has been entrusted with the work of exploratory mining and recovery of gems in these Districts. . . . . .

The Central Government does not propose to take any action in the matter.

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1621. **श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल :** क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान बिलासपुर, मध्य प्रदेश से प्रकाशित 17 अगस्त, 1985 के "बिलासपुर टाईम्स" में "सुनियोजित ढंग से एल्यूमिनियम की ट्रकें गायब, कई लाखों की धोखाधड़ी" शीर्षक के अंतर्गत छपे समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्योरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या इस मामले की कोई जांच की गई थी; यदि हां, तो उसका क्या परिणाम रहा ;

(घ) इस मामले में अंतर्ग्रस्त व्यक्तियों/पार्टियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्रवाई की गई है ; और

(ङ) भविष्य में इस प्रकार की चोरी/धोखाधड़ी को रोकने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए गए है ?